HOUSE BILL NO. 541.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS. Austin, April 4, 1903.

To the Secretary of State:

I disapprove and transmit herewith House bill No. 541, styled "An Act to provide for the recompilation an abstract of the located, titled, patented and unpatented lands of the State of Texas."

My reasons for vetoing this bill are as follows:

I am advised that the recompilation proposed would cost fully forty thousand dollars. However desirable it may be to have the work done which is suggested in this bill, the state of our public finances is not such as to justify the expenditure involved, when we consider the large appropriations that have already been made and will hereafter be required to meet the necessary demands of the public service.

S. W. T. LANHAM, Governor.